

Project Summary

Provide a summary (one-page maximum) that describes key elements of the project and states the total project cost.

Please type here: The Sierra Nevada Alliance is submitting to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy this full proposal requesting \$40,000 in support for our work engaging diverse Sierra stakeholders in participating in the California Water Plan Update 2009.

Department of Water Resources (DWR) California Water Plan (CWP) is California's Strategic Plan for Action for water. Input from Sierra agencies, organizations, and others who manage, use and enjoy Sierra waters will ensure a strong statewide plan that meets the Sierra and California's needs. DWR is using meetings and workshops to encourage local entities to share information on regional water issues, data availability, local efforts and recommendations on water planning. However, DWR does not have regional staff in the Sierra or relationships with diverse stakeholders in the area. Consequently DWR could benefit from assistance in reaching out and ensuring diverse stakeholders participate and share information, issues, and plans.

The Sierra Nevada Alliance will conduct active outreach and mobilize city and county staff, resource conservation districts, water agencies, watershed groups, land trusts, conservation groups, fire safe councils, and others invested in water in the Sierra to gain their input and participation in regional and state water planning for the California Water Plan 2009.

1. Mobilize Sierra participation in DWR CWP 2009 regional meetings, statewide meetings and written comment opportunities. We would reach out to broad stakeholders, compile outreach materials focused on Sierra interests, and phone stakeholders to ensure they are aware of opportunities to participate. We would offer scholarships to help strapped agencies, organizations and others participate.
2. Assist in orienting the DWR staff assigned to the Sierra region for the CWP update and the CWP Advisory Board members. The Alliance would put together a diverse stakeholder orientation team, compile materials to orient staff and Advisory members and meet as a team with these leaders to share basic Sierra information. We would offer stipends to the diverse stakeholder team for their time creating materials and meeting.
3. Produce a quarterly electronic news bulletin sharing information about the latest CWP activities and upcoming opportunities for input. This bulletin would be crafted with an eye to what is the most interesting for Sierra stakeholders.
4. Organize at least Six CWP information sessions at regional gatherings. Having DWR workshops or information sessions featured at existing stakeholder regional conferences and gatherings. This is bringing DWR to the Sierra stakeholders, versus only bringing the stakeholders to DWR.